

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA NO. 15-01-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 26, 2015
Commission Meeting: January 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of January 19, 2015

2. Out of state staff travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval for Scott Fabel to attend the NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Accounting & Finance meeting, April 19-23, 2015, in New Orleans, LA. Probable Motion: Move to approve the staff travel request.

3. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co D2014.9.84 & D2014.9.85 (Scott)

In this filing, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.(MDU) is requesting authorization to continue to accumulate the under and over collection of the PSC and MCC taxes, and not file revised electric or natural gas service tariffs to reflect the increase in the Company's rates due to a change in the corresponding tax rates. Montana-Dakota is requesting Commission approval to defer implementation and accrue for later collection the change in PSC and MCC tax rates to correspond with the next filing of a general rate application. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's request in D2014.9.84 & D2014.9.85.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. Placeholder – D2014.4.43 – NorthWestern Energy – Petition to Set Contract Terms and Conditions for Greenfield Wind, LLC – Discuss and act on motions for reconsideration and/or clarification. (1/29/15)
2. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/29/15)
3. **1/26, 1:30 p.m., 1/27, 1/28, 1/30, at 8:30 a.m.** - Legislative - Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (1/26, 1:30 p.m., 1/27, 1/28/, 1/30, at 8:30 a.m., Bollinger Room – live webcast – not archived)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2015.1.8 - NorthWestern Energy - Petition for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource – Fairfield Wind Project

D2015.1.9 - NorthWestern Energy - Petition for Certification of an Eligible Renewable Resource – Two Dot Wind Farm

D2015.1.10 - 3 River Telephone Cooperative and Level 3 Communications - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement